

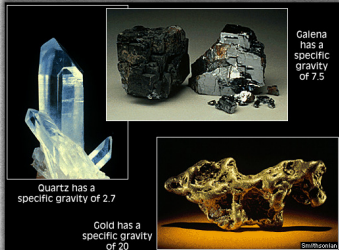
Minerals: Building Blocks of Rocks

Physical Properties of Minerals



Every mineral has an orderly arrangement of atoms and a definite chemical composition which gives it a unique set of physical properties.

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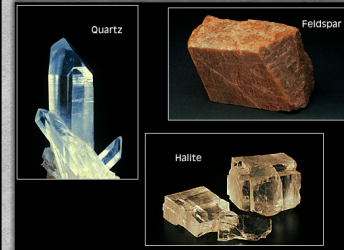
Quartz has a specific gravity of 2.7

Gold has a specific gravity of 20

Calcite has a specific gravity of 2.7

Specific gravity is a number representing the ratio of the weight of a mineral to the weight of an equal volume of water.

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Most common minerals have a specific gravity of between 2.5 and 3.

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